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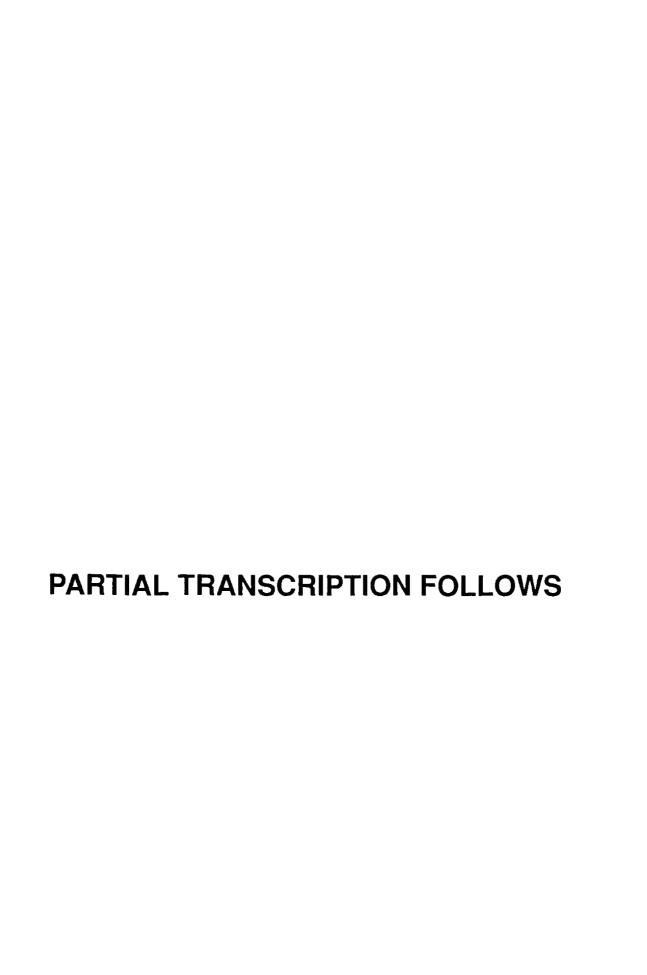
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1.On basis of Chicom reaction my approach (WARSAW 3716), believe it would be best in public treatment to add as little as possible to King's response at December 4 noon briefing. If questions are pressed at December 5 noon briefing and additional comments cannot be avoided, suggested guidance in STATE 202020 seems to remain within limits set, on one hand, by desirability-cut-off unhelpful speculation and show Administration's positive approach to matter of talks and, on other hand, by desirability of attempting to avoid stimulation of further negative response from Chicom. LO's emphasis on prior understanding not to reveal content rpt content of talks to public makes it especially

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